

Harmony Fire Department

Burning Permit

Rules and Regulations

Category I Fire: is a camp or cooking fire that is no larger than 2 feet in diameter which is contained in a fire resistive ring at least 10 inches high with a suitable sand or gravel base. This would include commercially made fire pits, chimineas and fire places. The area must be cleared of combustibles/burnable material for a distance of not less than 10 feet from any part of the fire area and not less than 25 feet from any structure. These fires may be kindled any time without a fire department issued "Burning Permit", conditions permitting*. **All fires shall be extinguished prior to 1100pm.**

Category II Fire: is a camp or cooking fire that is no larger than 4 feet in diameter which is contained in a fire resistive ring at least 10 inches high with a suitable sand or gravel base. The area must be cleared of combustibles/burnable material for a distance of not less than 10 feet from any part of the fire area and not less than 50 feet from any structure. These fires may be kindled any time without a fire department issued "Burning Permit", conditions permitting*. **All fires shall be extinguished prior to 1100pm.**

Category III Fire: is any fire that is not contained in a fire resistive ring such as but not limited to a brush pile. These fires shall require a fire department issued "Burning Permit" ALWAYS. **All Category III fires shall be completely extinguished no later than 0900pm.**

**Burning Permits for Category III fires shall not be given out between
May 1st and October 1st.**

CONDITIONS PERMITTING:

- Permittee must be 18 years of age
- All fire shall be continuously attended by an adult until the fire is completely extinguished.
- Permits shall be issued on the day of the burn only and are good only for that day.
- Permits shall be issued to property owner or rental tenant. Renter shall need owner's written permission.
- Permittee must have proper extinguishing equipment at fire site to control fire size.
- Wind shall not be greater than 10mph.
- Only cleaned wood may be burned and must not exceed 5 inches in diameter.

Burning Permits **shall not be given** to property owners who are clearing land, during any large renovations or during any building construction. All of these are considered commercial or industrial in nature.

No stumps, leaves, pine needles, garbage, tires, construction debris will be acceptable to burn.

Burning Permits will not be issued on a "High Fire Danger" day or a "Red Flag" day.

Should at any time during an outside fire (contained or not) there is a complaint by a neighbor about smoke entering their home/property the fire department will investigate the complaint and the fire may have to be extinguished by the fire department or the permittee.

Any questions with regard to these Rules and Regulations please contact the Fire Department at 401-949-1188 between the hours of 0900hrs-1500hrs Monday through Friday.

The Harmony Fire Department is a Volunteer Department and with that the office is not open during the weekends and the rescue staff may be out of an emergency. We suggest that anyone needing a "Burning Permit" on Saturday or Sunday call the Gloucester Police Department 401-568-2533. The police dispatcher will contact a fire department member to assist you.